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Dear producers and other data users:

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in July was 100, based on 1990-92=100, up 2 points (2.0 percent) from the June index. Higher prices for wheat, soybeans, hogs, and corn more than offset decreased prices for broilers, milk, eggs, and cattle. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for grapes, wheat, tobacco, and tomatoes

more than offset decreased marketings of milk, cantaloupe, potatoes, and asparagus.

The All Farm Products Index was 8 points (7.4 percent) below July last year. Lower prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and strawberries more than offset higher prices for wheat, corn, soybeans, and potatoes.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary July 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		July 2001 ¹	June 2002 ¹	July 15, 2002	July 2001 ¹	June 2002 ¹	July 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	2.77	2.96	3.34	2.63	2.93	3.22	34	9.51
Corn	Bushel	1.86	1.96	2.00	1.87	1.97	2.07	32	6.44
Oats	Bushel	1.38	1.78	1.80	1.33	1.95	1.79	46	3.93
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	3.43	3.30	3.45	3.72	3.83	3.88	36	10.90
Soybeans	Bushel	4.67	4.74	5.30	4.79	4.88	5.50	39	14.10
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	68.00	64.00	79.00	96.30	95.80	93.60		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	71.00	65.00	82.00	105.00	102.00	102.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	61.00	56.00	72.00	72.50	73.20	72.20		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	16.10	20.50	20.60	16.80	26.70	25.60	54	47.60
Hogs	Cwt	54.30	38.20	40.60	51.70	35.80	38.20	37	102.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	54.60	38.60	41.00	52.30	36.60	39.10		
Sows	Cwt	41.00	20.70	20.00	40.80	21.10	20.40		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	72.80	64.50	62.90	71.80	64.10	63.30	40	157.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	73.70	65.30	63.80	75.00	67.00	66.10		
Cows	Cwt	42.50	37.70	34.50	42.90	39.30	37.70		
Calves	Cwt	115.00	96.50	102.00	108.00	94.80	93.20	45	209.00
Sheep	Cwt	33.60	21.50		34.10	25.90			75.10
Lambs	Cwt	58.70	74.00		64.30	72.80			177.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for July 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices July 31, 2002.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, June 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	June 2002 Percent of	
		June 2001	May 2001
1,000 lbs			
Total red meats	909,597	123	94
Beef	396,448	116	98
Pork	489,949	131	90
Poultry	1,514,150	126	106
Turkey	651,801	129	113
Chicken	854,873	124	102

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, July 19, 2002.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, June 2002 with Comparisons

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
<i>Millions Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.6	100
30 States	312.2	313.6	100
United States	332.9	335.0	101
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	243	251	103
30 States	6,548	6,663	102
United States	6,992	7,115	102
Chickens Hatched, June			
United States			
Egg-type	40.8	35.3	86
Broiler	766.5	776.4	101

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, July 23, 2002.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, June 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	June 2002 Percent of	
		June 2001	May 2001
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	695.9	98	102
Hogs, head	516.4	109	91
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	641.7	104	101
United States			
Cattle, head	3,063.2	98	97
Calves, head	75.9	98	98
Hogs, head	7,535.7	101	91
Sheep & Lambs, head	229.7	99	81
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,812.3	101	95

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, July 19, 2002.

Mink : Farms, Pelts Produced, Price, and Value, United States, 1994-2001

Year	Mink	Pelts	Average	Value of
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Million Dollars</i>
1994	484	2,623	33.00	86.6
1995	478	2,803	53.10	148.8
1996	449	2,783	35.30	98.2
1997	452	2,993	33.10	99.1
1998	438	2,938	24.80	72.9
1999	398	2,813	33.70	94.8
2000 ¹	350	2,666	34.00	90.6
2001 ²	324	2,565	33.50	85.9

¹ Revised. ² Preliminary.

Source: USDA NASS Mink, July 15 2002.

Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop, United States December-November 2001-2002 ^{1 2}

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	901	924	8.66	8.66	7,803	8,005
Jan	906	943	8.71	8.71	7,887	8,214
Feb	941	965	8.79	8.80	8,273	8,492
Mar	959	978	8.87	8.80	8,503	8,605
Apr	953	973	8.90	8.83	8,481	8,595
May	958	982	8.90	8.81	8,525	8,651
Jun	963	976	8.85	8.87	8,526	8,657
Jul	961		8.87		8,522	
Aug	954		8.90		8,491	
Sep	966		8.78		8,481	
Oct	963		8.85		8,523	
Nov	960		8.84		8,488	
Total	11,385		8.83		100,503	

¹ December preceding year.

² Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, July 26, 2002.

**Agricultural Land Values: Average Value per Acre,
Nebraska and 48 States, January 1, 1999-2002**

Land Type	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Dollars</i>				
Nebraska				
Cropland ¹	1,080	1,110	1,170	1,210
Irrigated	1,550	1,580	1,600	1,640
Non-irrigated ¹	840	860	950	980
Pasture	220	230	245	250
48 States				
Cropland ¹	1,410	1,490	1,580	1,650
Pasture ¹	503	524	558	586

¹ Revised.

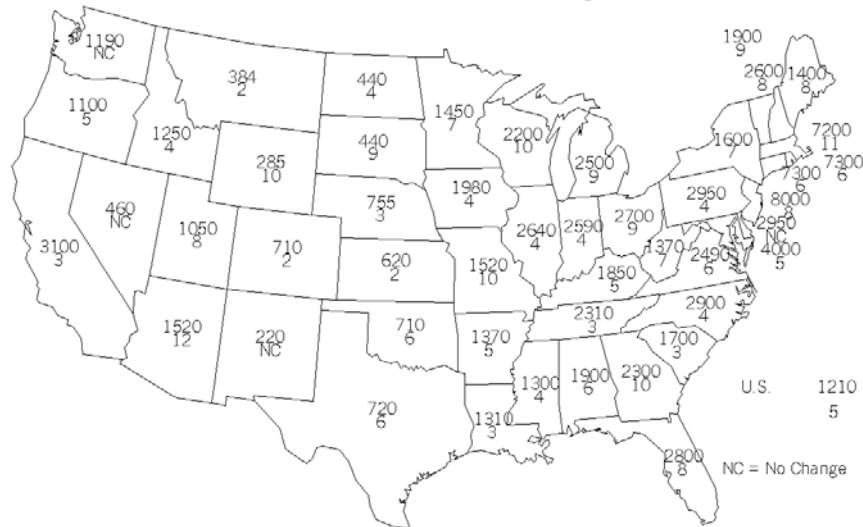
Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Land Values August 2000,
August 2, 2002.

**Agricultural Cash Rents: Average Cash Rent
per Acre, Nebraska and 48 States, 1999-2002**

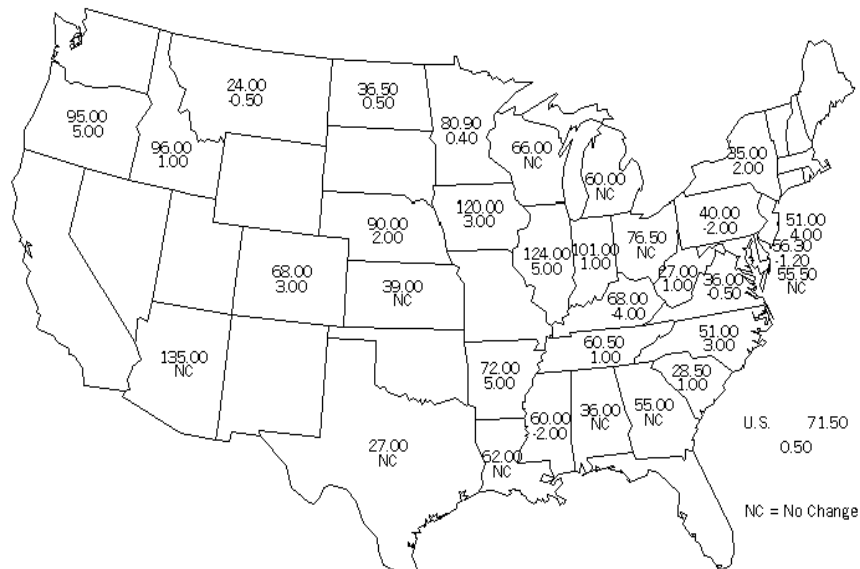
Land Type	1999	2000	2001	2002
<i>Dollars</i>				
Nebraska				
Cropland	86.90	88.00	88.00	90.00
Irrigated	115.00	117.00	117.00	121.00
Non-irrigated	64.50	66.00	65.00	65.00
Pasture	10.90	11.30	11.30	10.70
48 States				
Cropland	67.50	70.00	71.00	71.50
Pasture	8.90	8.50	9.20	9.20

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Cash Rents July 2002,
July 12, 2002.

January 1, 2002 Farm Real Estate Values
Dollars Per Acre and Percent Change From 2001



2002 Cropland Cash Rents
Dollars Per Acre and Change From 2001



**Farm Production Expenditures: Major Input Items, Farms Reporting,
Average per Farm, and Total, Northern Plains Region and United States, 2000-2001**

Expenditure - Farm Share	Northern Plains Region ¹						United States ²					
	Farms Reporting ³		Average per Farm ⁴		Total Expenditures		Farms Reporting ³		Average per Farm ⁴		Total Expenditures	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Million Dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Million Dollars</i>	
Total Farm Production Expenditures ^{5 6}	100.0	100.0	134,347	147,875	24,290	26,440	100.0	100.0	87,543	91,547	189,600	197,000
Livestock, Poultry & Related Expenses ⁷	30.4	32.4	24,889	29,362	4,500	5,250	32.4	30.9	8,311	8,783	18,000	18,900
Feed	58.9	52.8	11,394	13,982	2,060	2,500	64.8	63.7	11,312	11,711	24,500	25,200
Farm Services ⁸	96.7	94.2	14,823	16,107	2,680	2,880	97.2	94.2	11,728	12,408	25,400	26,700
Rent ⁹	62.0	57.4	16,593	17,562	3,000	3,140	35.2	35.2	7,434	7,807	16,100	16,800
Agricultural Chemicals ¹⁰	68.4	67.3	6,084	6,376	1,100	1,140	53.3	52.1	3,925	3,996	8,500	8,600
Fertilizer, Lime & Soil Conditioners ¹⁰	64.5	62.3	7,854	8,277	1,420	1,480	63.9	62.5	4,617	4,786	10,000	10,300
Interest	64.3	63.9	8,186	8,445	1,480	1,510	45.8	45.1	5,033	5,112	10,900	11,000
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	99.3	99.8	5,531	5,817	1,000	1,040	99.0	99.0	3,186	3,253	6,900	7,000
Labor	41.0	40.1	5,365	5,984	970	1,070	39.3	39.2	9,558	10,224	20,700	22,000
Fuels	88.5	85.2	5,973	6,264	1,080	1,120	86.3	85.9	3,232	3,253	7,000	7,000
Farm Supplies & Repairs ¹¹	83.9	86.0	8,628	9,228	1,560	1,650	87.4	84.8	5,725	5,995	12,400	12,900
Farm Improvements & Construction ¹²	49.3	49.3	3,706	3,523	670	630	51.0	50.7	3,878	3,625	8,400	7,800
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	17.5	19.6	4,010	4,642	725	830	14.1	14.8	2,493	2,835	5,400	6,100
Other Farm Machinery	32.1	33.7	3,097	3,356	560	600	25.0	24.3	1,662	1,719	3,600	3,700
Seed & Plants ¹³	67.8	66.9	5,476	6,040	990	1,080	51.7	49.6	3,463	3,857	7,500	8,300
Trucks & Autos	26.0	26.9	2,600	2,740	470	490	17.6	17.8	1,847	1,952	4,000	4,200

¹ Northern Plains includes: KS, NE, ND, SD. ² Excludes AK and HI. ³ Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms. ⁴ Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. ⁵ Total includes production costs not allocated to any of the 16 expense categories published.

⁶ Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. ⁷ Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. ⁸ Includes all crop custom work, veterinary services, custom feeding, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, miscellaneous business expenses, and utilities. ⁹ Includes public and private grazing fees. ¹⁰ Includes material and application costs. ¹¹ Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment and capital equipment for livestock and poultry. ¹² Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of buildings and fences and any improvements to physical structures or land. ¹³ Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment.

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